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Mr. Abel conducts the Band during rehearsal.

Music Fest A Holiday Treat

This year's Music Festival was given December 19 and 20 for the students and also for the P.T.S.A. on Tuesday evening, December 18. All were invited for the night performance too, which included not only the Orchestra, Band and Choruses but also the Freedom Band of Sterling Page.

The Festival opened with songs by Bushwick's Mixed Chorus. Mrs. Jeanne Krausman, music teacher and chorus director, led the group through the "Hymn of Brotherhood," an adaptation from *Beethoven's Ninth Symphony*. The Chorus then continued its performance by paying tribute to George Gershwin, the famous composer, on this 75th year. The songs included selections from the popular musical *Porgy and Bess*; Elizabeth Solano and Ralph Phillips sang the solos. Other selections were "Begin the Beguine," composed by Cole Porter and Christmas songs, which included solos by Ralph Phillips, Carmen Torres, Ramona Smith and Josephine Realmuto. Each girl performed once with the male vocalist.

On December 18 at the P.T.S.A. meeting, Mrs. Krausman included in the performance what she describes as her "United Nations Chorus." These are students who have recently come to the United States and are learning to speak English. They performed several songs which included solos by Alix Moise, Dina Tellus, and Alma Fogadic.

The Band began with a group of seasonal selections. The Christmas carols "We Three Kings" and "Angels We Have Heard On High" were performed first. Then followed the well-known and happy Israeli folk and dance "Hava Nagila." To conclude, the band performed "Bugle Boy" by John Kinyon.

The Orchestra's selections included "Carol of the Bells," arranged by Mr. David Abel, followed by two traditional Christmas carols. They were "The First Noel" of French background, and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" composed by Mendelssohn. The Orchestra concluded its part of the program with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Freedom Band, led by Sterling Page on lead guitar and including Ruben Rodriguez, bass guitar, and Bob Zampedri on drums, closed the festival. Their selections included a variety of numbers and styles, including rock, Latin and soul moods.

Arista Plans A Full Year

by Madelyn Lopez

The Arista Honor Society began this term's activities with the election of officers. Of those nominated, the elected officers are Lorraine Lee and John Michel, Leaders, and Carlos Agosto, Secretary. Their roles include presiding over Arista meetings and helping Faculty Advisor, Miss Florence Druss, supervise activities.

Plans Renewed

A charity drive to raise money for young children and the aged is one activity on the Arista agenda. They will be selling stationery and greeting cards in and out of the school as part of the drive.

New additions to the Arista meetings are discussions concerning topics of interest to the members. The special speakers are teachers who are willing to share their interest in a particular hobby of theirs. Thus far, Mr. Gerry Symons has discussed photography and Mr. Abe Aronofsky astronomy. The discussions have proven successful. Other prospective topics are dance, classical music, folk music, gems and minerals, botany, and art.

The Arista Society hopes to make this year a more interesting experience for its members and be of more aid to the entire school population.

Photography A New Idea

Photography has caught the interest of many of the students at Bushwick as well as the population at large. Many recent developments in photography such as miniaturized cameras, Polaroids and Instamatics have been on the market, and consumers have been buying them in droves.

To help answer the questions that arise in this area, Bushwick students are fortunate that a new room has been created in which classes can meet on Photography. There are three dark rooms available for use as well as much photographic equipment. Classes will be held in room 420 and will delve into all facets of the photographic process such as developing, contact printing and enlarging.

Along with the Photography classes, the Photo-offset process will be taught, which uses the photographic equipment as the basis for large scale copying of printed materials. As one can see from the want ads in the paper, people who have experience in photography and photo-offset work are in demand for employment.

Interested students should contact Mr. Marks in Room 409 as soon as possible and should also inform their grade advisors.

Other areas in which students can gain knowledge and experience can be found in the Metal Shop, Room 512, the Wood Shop, Room 514, and Ceramics in Room 516. Students who aim for a career in a technical area, such as, engineering or science, should familiarize themselves with the technique that is common to all technical areas—Mechanical Drawing. All of these subjects are offered for a 1, 2 or 3 year sequence and count as major credit toward a high school diploma.

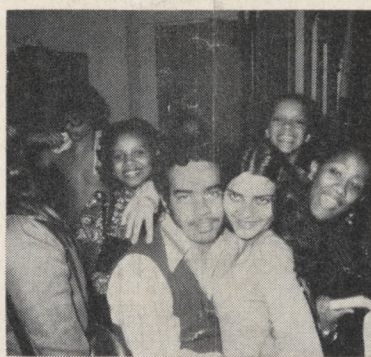
PMI Program Being Tested

by Gregory McLetchie

Bushwick High School is fortunate in being selected the first school in the nation to use the new P.M.I. (Peer Mediated Instructions) system in teaching remedial math.

The program, still in an experimental stage, was recently designed by Dr. Peter Rosenbaum of Columbia University. The basic principle is simply to have two students of the same level working together and inter-changing the roles of teacher and student. The main idea behind this system is to have each individual work at his own pace.

Of the eighteen remedial math classes in Bushwick (both in the annex and in the main building), nine are using the P.M.I. system. The other nine are control groups and use traditional methods.



Senior actors ham it up.



Dr. Gelber swings to "Jungle Boogie."

Senior Day Follies

by Maria Mojica

On December 12, "Bushwick Spirit" finally made its 1973 debut. The occasion was Senior Day.

As in previous years Seniors dressed in the school colors, orange and black, and took over teaching their classes for the day. The main attractions for the day were the Senior production, "The Day the Seniors Ran Bushwick . . . A Fantasy," and the Senior-Faculty Get-Together. The food and refreshment for the Get-Together were home-made and store-bought by both students and teachers. The mu-

sic ranged from Soul to Jamaican. Faculty and students danced to their feet's content. The highlight of the festivities came when Dr. Gelber danced with Anabell Rivera to the tune of "Jungle Boogie."

The entire day proved to be a phenomenal success. The only disappointment came when the Senior Faculty Game was postponed to this week.

The participation, involvement and hard work of the Leadership Class and the S.O. was certainly worth it. After such a glorious turn out, the sleeping tiger finally roared.

Bushwick Students Work as Executives

by Eddie Gutierrez

Four Bushwick High School students have had a novel adventure this term as participants in the Executive Internship Program. The four students, Jeffrey Mendoza, Sandra Torres, Kevin Tucker and Eddie Gutierrez, have been placed in various offices throughout the city to work with executives. They work daily, usually from 9 to 5, not as students but as executives themselves.

Miss Anne Reinstein is the co-ordinator of the Internship Program. She meets weekly with sixteen interns from various schools, and they discuss such issues as abortion, women in prison and things related to the students' internship.

Kevin Tucker views the program saying, "Executive Internship is a good program to get into. It has taught me a lot about life. It has taught me about outside life and the world in general. I get to see it as many people don't get to see it." Kevin works at Job Development in The Fortune Society and will conduct a class later this month on his internship.

There are many jobs which would be of interest to girls also. Sandra Torres, who works with children at the John F. Kennedy Day Care Center, looks at the program this way, "What I like about the program is that I get to meet many different people. I enjoy the staff meetings and the kids I work with. I like to see their reactions to learning and their abilities. It's just beautiful."

Although the student intern is not in school, certain research and a term project are required. Membership in the program is for one term. Miss Reinstein will accept applications from juniors and seniors some time this month. Mr. Buchman in room S-3 and your guidance counsellor can assist you in joining.

The students in these classes were selected on the basis of their scores on the M.A.T. (Metropolitan Achievement Tests) taken last September. They will be tested again in January. The results of the January test will be evidence of the program's efficiency. These scores will help to decide if the program is fit to be adopted in schools throughout the system or abolished.

Co-ordinating the program here at Bushwick are Miss Pat Laita and Miss Nina Oliva. The sponsor is E.D.C.

All concerned are optimistic. Miss Laita said, "It's a very worthwhile program with lots of possibilities." The students show enthusiasm and are enchanted by the idea of teaching each other while moving along at their own pace.

Editorials

Bushwick? Bah, Humbug!!

Christmas time is here once again. You never would have noticed it from looking at the people here at Bushwick. They are as spiritless as always. Not even the excitement and the rush, rush of Christmas has been able to awaken the sleeping tiger.

Four months of our school year have passed us by and nothing has changed since September. This status quo results because Bushwick's Christmas spirit (comparable to our school spirit) is lacking in the true sense of giving. Students as well as faculty and administration seem to give nothing of themselves unless they are assured of something in return. They have forgotten what it is to give of one's time and energies in order to create a more enjoyable and livable atmosphere here at Bushwick. The people of Bushwick have become nothing more than

THE JOY OF SHARING THIS
MEMORABLE HOLIDAY!!!



a sea of strangers who don't give a damn about what happens after the three o'clock bell rings. (Apologies to the rare few who do.)

The holidays are here, and it is time to rejoice. What has happened or what didn't happen here at Bushwick is soon to be part of the past. But, before we leave for the Christmas recess, here's a thought to keep in mind when writing up your New Year's resolutions:

"Behold I do not give lectures,
or a little charity
When I give, I give myself."

Walt Whitman

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



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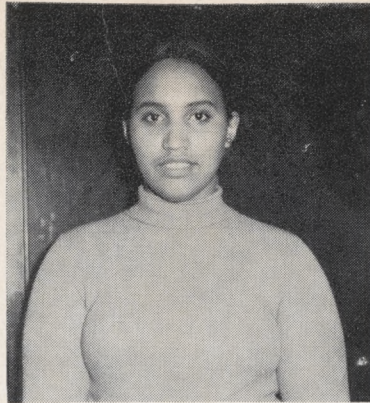
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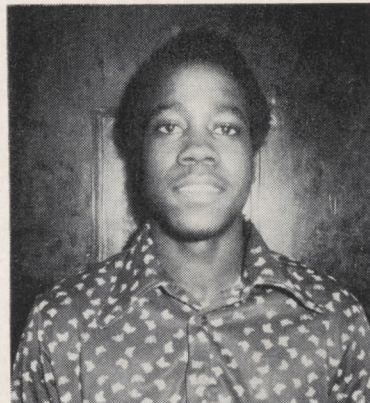
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Something That's Free!

So, summer's out and winter's in and there's no place to go. But, that's where you're wrong.

The Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration runs a year-round service, the Park's Information Service, which gives out information about free events throughout the city.

They have set up a special telephone number which anyone can call for information about concerts, plays, movies, poetry readings, street festivals, dog obedience classes, yoga classes, dance and chess lessons, ice skating rinks, indoor pools and lots more, all free. The information is made available by calling 472-1003, seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



The United Federation of Teachers is continuing its program of granting scholarships to children from low-income families, graduating from New York City Public High Schools.

The United Federation of Teachers through its College Scholarship Fund will grant scholarships of \$4,000, over a period of four years to three hundred 1974 graduates.

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must meet the income criteria and be accepted for a full-time matriculated degree-granting program in a college or university located in New York State.

An impartial selection committee will choose the winners based on scholastic average, class standing, overall school record, recommendations, school and community service and potential for academic success. Announcement of award winners is expected in March.

Applications are available from the UFT Chapter Chairman in your high school and must be submitted together with all supporting documents no later than January 18, 1974. See Mrs. Harrison in Room 228.

What do you think?

Compiled by Marie Adelson

As the years go by, many things in our school lives change, and we change with them. We asked some students in the Annex how their lives changed within a year's time.

Question: Was this year any different from others?

This year was very different from the others. For one thing, we went from J.H.S. to high school, and I found there was a big difference between the two. Besides every year is different; no two years are the same.

Alicia Arroyo 1-10CB

It was much different because I understand something of what's going on in the work a little more.

Howard Hemmings, 1-8

BEOG Notice

January and June 1973 graduates who are full time students in a post-secondary institution are entitled to a BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Grant). Unfortunately, the information became available during the summer after high schools had closed. The Federal Government's advertising campaign did not reach all 1973 graduates, many of whom have not taken advantage of the opportunity offered to them. In many cases this will insure that current college freshmen will receive a grant of approximately \$260. February 1, 1973 is the deadline for BEOG application. Students whose relatives, friends, or acquaintances are presently college freshman should inform them of this opportunity.

Sound-Off

Just a few words (or maybe not so few) about how I, Miriam Colon, feel about being a member of the *Bulletin* staff.

Make no mistake about it—I love it, and I always willingly sacrifice my spare time to work on it. But what really makes my hair stand on end is all of you out there, and you know who you are!!!

You consist of all the egoists in Bushwick who are always screaming your heads off about how you never get any publicity. Mind you, you deserve and have the right to want publicity, but you have no right and it's not in your place to get undesirably pushy about it. You also do not have the right to tell us how you want the story written. If we didn't know how to write a story, we wouldn't be on the staff. If you know so much about journalism, why don't you take my place?

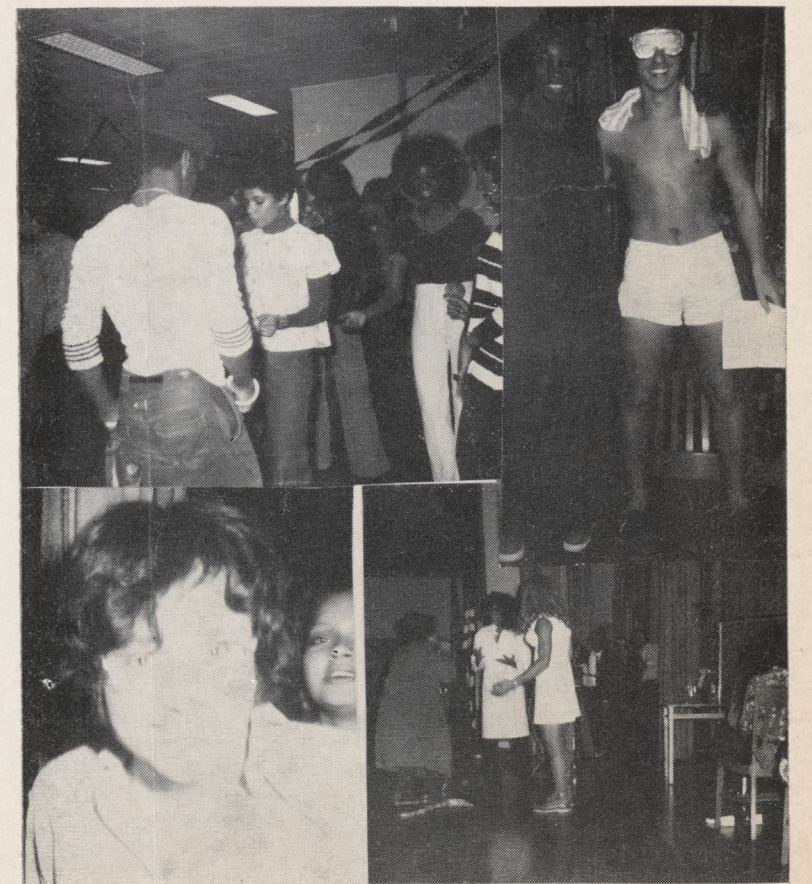
But, this is not to say that faculty are the only ones at fault (whether in athletics or academic functions). Students are also to blame, especially the egoists on athletic teams who swear they're so "big and bad" and want an article on themselves from cover to cover.

If you are offended by this burst of emotion, that means that you know this is true because you are guilty of such ego-tripping. If you are innocent of this harassment and you feel that you may have been implied, I apologize to you, but not to the guilty ones.

The only hope for the Bushwick egoists is to shut them away in a filing cabinet so that they may never again bother me, as a member of the *Bulletin* staff, or the rest of the population of Bushwick who have to suffer with people like them.

By Miriam Colon 7-5

Senior Day Highlights



Movies: Jeremy

by Cathy Eckenberger

If you've read about "Jeremy" in one of many local newspapers or magazines, then you've heard of the joy of this film, a warm and remarkably lovely story of the discovery of first love by two New York adolescents.

The accent is on youth for this film. Two teen-agers superbly play the leads: Robby Benson is Jeremy Jones and Glynnis O'Connor makes her professional acting debut as Susan Rollins.

"Jeremy" is an intimate film about a universal experience that everyone can identify with although it relates so meaningfully to people of high school age.

"Jeremy" is an overwhelming touching and sensitive story, an unforgettably young, tender romance. Arthur Barron (director-writer) and George Pappas (producer), focus on these teen-agers and all the beauty, joy and sadness of a first love.

New York City provides an exciting backdrop for movie-maker Barron. He and his crew filmed the story on a wide variety of locations including Park Avenue, the Mannes College of Music, the High School of Performing Arts, and on Long Island at Belmont Race Track.

"Jeremy" is definitely a must! It is truly a heartwarming, moving, indescribably important and relevant movie. To be honest, I could not help but to cry with "Jeremy"!!

OUTRAGEOUS!!

Right of Life

By Tonya Stomas

Right of life
Right of life
Oh where shall it shine?
No where to go
No where to hide.
Right of life
Shine of life
Right on me.
Right of life
Let it be.
If the light of life
Would shine on me
The light in my life
Would always be free.



Christmas Thoughts

By Cathy Eckenberger

"Of that short roll of friends written in my heart, your name begins."

—John Donne

Everyone wakes to a day now and then when the world's a merry-go-round. Fill it with friends and laughter and gifts. Have a fun-filled party and share it. Christmas is a time when everyone loves to play.

Memories shared between friends and loved ones are too precious to lose to the passing of time . . . stretched like beads on a string, lovely to pick out singly and enjoy again. Memories are the shared events that bind us to each other. Remind a loved one and remember together . . . those memories not lost to the passing of time.

Kindness knows no special time for living. It just happens. No reason at all is the best reason of all to surprise someone with a gift . . . such as kindness. Just the art of being kind is all each of us needs.

Gifts are every thought we ever had for each other. To express the need to tell and the need to know how one feels for another.

Friends are the truest gems we own; friendship is a most valued possession. Such wealth as friendship we count all through the year.

A ready smile, a friendly welcome, a surge of energy. . . There is no time like the holidays to say thank you with gifts

of thoughtfulness and love for being just friends!

Nothing makes each of us so much alike, so united, as the blunders we make toward each other. A harsh word spoken in haste, a too-long lapse of silence, a forgotten special day. The words of forgiveness come easier than apologies. Heal the heart of a friend and share a smile of reconciliation.

Strong and loving are the ties that bind us to our family. No time's so warming as being together on holidays. No brighter a smile than the one that welcomes you.

To love . . . to be loved . . . is why we are. The happiest part of loving is the telling. And, though the language of love is infinite, your message will always be understood through the sensitivity and serenity of touch, the warmth of meeting eyes, the gentleness of a loving smile. Now is as good a time as any to develop in ourselves the art of living.

On Christmas day, remember these words, for your life is what you make it.

"Our appearance,
our words,
our actions,
Are never greater than
ourselves
For the soul
is our house;
Our eyes its windows;
And our words its messenger."
Kahlil Gibran

...better to give than to receive

Compiled by Miriam Colon

We all know how hard it is to choose the right present for the right person. But, some people had no trouble at all in thinking of a good present to give to our beloved Bushwick. Question: If you could give Bushwick a Christmas present, what would you give it?

Answer: "Demolition!"
—Mr. K. Miller

Answer: "A paint job."
—Jean Josephs 7-6

Answer: "I'd leave first!!!"
—Ricky Lovett 7-6

Answer: "A second chance."
—Sonia Feyjoo 7-7

Answer: "Censored."
—Zayda Gonzalez 7-6

Answer: "School spirit."
—Allan Montalvo 7-5

Answers: "A Chanukah Men-
ora."

—Miss S. Grottfried



Executive Reports

One of Bushwick's young "executives" in the Executive High School Internship Program this term is Jeffrey Mendoza of Official 7-6. The following are some of Jeffery's comments on the program and its effect on his education:

Let me introduce myself before I tell you about the High School Executive Program in which I participate. I am Jeffrey Mendoza, and I decided to get into this program only because I wanted to change things. What I really mean is change the same routine of going to school and knowing what to expect from the day, change the drag of facing the same teachers and the same students every day of the week.

I am in internship with the National Park Service, which is part of the United States Department of the Interior, and my sponsor is Jon Montgomery, who is the Unit Manager of Federal Hall National Memorial Building, which is located at 26 Wall St. The National Park Service has an organization aiming to develop an education pilot project which is experimental and media oriented. Students and professionals will research the Bill of Rights and dramatize issues as they relate to contemporary freedoms through an actual production which may include a film or videotape. My job in this organization is to assist in the development of the project and to organize and administer the program, also to teach the historical significance of the Bill of Rights and to be involved in all aspects of this program.

Participating in this kind of situation brings me the satisfaction of doing something challenging and productive, an opportunity many students don't get very often. Also, the job itself, which is 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., is exciting and worthwhile. However, the most important and exciting aspect of my internship is the people that I work with. Working is totally different from school. Teachers are no longer telling you what you must do; rather, the individual must realize and meet his responsibilities in order to achieve his educational needs or goals. In other words the internship program is for those students who are willing to learn, not only from books but from actual days to day experiences.



Harpo (Oscar Rivera) says, "I Gotcha!!" to his girlfriend (Eddie Gutierrez).

Seniors Soar to Success

by Madelyn Lopez

Enjoyment was the key word to this term's Senior Day held on December 12th. The successful results were initiated by a successful beginning.

The events began with a Senior Assembly during which a group of Seniors, led by Mr. A. Buchman's Student Leadership class presented their own comedy play, written, produced and directed by the class, itself.

Marx Bros. All the Way

The play, called "The Day the Seniors Ran Bushwick . . . A Fantasy," starred Dewell Narvaez, who played a student burdened with the everyday woes of going to school. Dewell's worries eventually put him to sleep, and he dreamed of Bushwick days if they were to be taken over by senior students. As Groucho Marx, Dewell worked with his buddy, Harpo, played by Oscar Rivera. The dream was an altogether unbelievable experience with lots of slap-stick laughs. The Acting Principal and Assistant, Groucho and Harpo, led the troupe through a

faculty meeting, and a science class was conducted by the Nutty Professor, Danny Rodriguez.

The talented performers included Elba Melendez, Steve Ruvio, John Caccioppoli, Jose Martinez, George Montalvo, Debbie Murrel, Julie Ortiz, Elaine Toledo, Denise Boone, Ann Appelle, Anabell Rivera, Jean Josephs, Nilda Encarnacion, Diana Usher, Yvette Campos and Eddie Gutierrez, who accented the show with his shapely legs and lovely blonde wig as a lab assistant.

A modern dance segment, composed by Anabell Rivera and performed by Anabell and Nilda Encarnacion, was an added attraction to the assembly program.

Total Success

This term's Senior Day activities were considered super by both students and faculty. The excellent performance by Bushwick's actors was an example of exactly how successful and entertaining student work can be, and all are hoping for a repeat performance in the future.

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Volleyball Brings First Female Championship

by Miriam Colon

They have done it! This year's Volleyball Team is now the first girls' championship team in Bushwick!

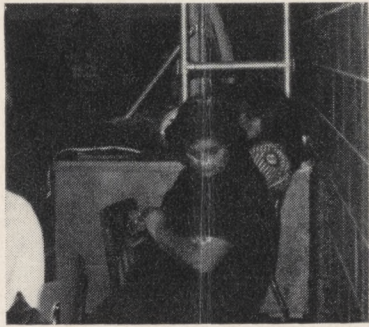
Through hard work, terrific plays and lots of teamwork, the girls ended their season with a perfect record of eleven wins and no losses against such schools as Eastern District, Clara Barton, Cleveland, Sarah J. Hale, Prospect Heights and South Shore.

The girls are champs of their division and of all the new teams in the city. Their eleventh win was against Stuyvesant High School from Manhattan in the finals for the new teams' division city champs. The match with Stuyvesant on Nov. 19 at Cleveland H.S. would have made even the calmest person bite his nails off.

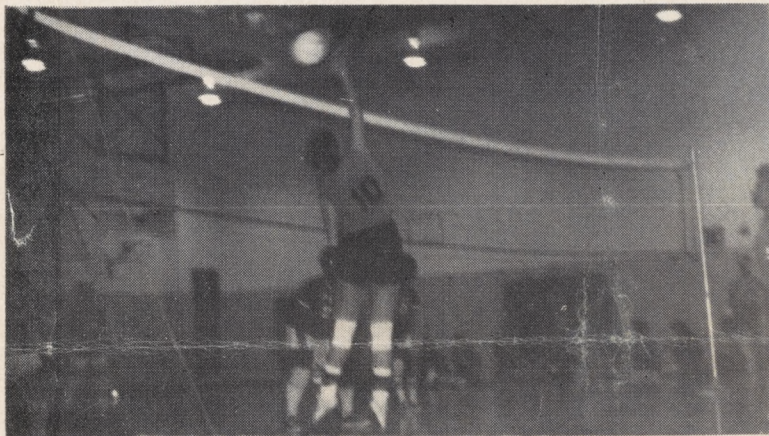
The match was a tight one, but Bushwick won it in the first two games. The first game was won by Bushwick 15-11, but it was the second game that really put Bushwick's teamwork to the test—and they passed it with flying colors. Stuyvesant was leading by six points when Bushwick zoomed ahead to tie the score. Play by play, the score was 10-10, 11-11 and 12-12. Then, Bushwick broke the tying syndrome, going ahead 14-2. But, Stuyvesant called a



The girls and Mrs. Kumar in a time-out huddle.



Mrs. Kumar looks around after talking with the referee.



Captain Debbie Mohr gets height on a spike.

time-out, and soon the score was tied again at 14-14. Since the tie was at point game, the winning point was moved up to 16. Stuyvesant was ahead 15-14, and Bushwick tied it again 15-15 to move the winning point ahead again to 17. But, Bushwick finally did it, winning the match 17-15 and their championship title.

After the match the head of the city's PSAL, Margaret Wigiser, and the Commissioner of Volleyball, Lynn Kahn, congratulated the girls on having a fine team and then distributed medals to all the members of the team.

The credit for the team's success should go to the coach, Mrs. Kumar, who was with them all the way, and to the girls, themselves, who never stopped working, striving and winning. The girls who never failed were Debbie Mohr, Georgiana Dittman, America Spencer, Elizabeth Solano, Myrna Mendez, Sabrina St. Martin, Grace Camacho, Sara Durant, Cheryl Washington, linesman, Edith McMillion, scorekeeper, and Miriam Colon, timekeeper.

Gymnastic Team Regains Mr. Tohn

By Miriam Colon

The Gymnastics Team is back this year and raring to go with Coach Mr. Alan Tohn at the helm. Coach Tohn says his crew may be a very young team, but they're full of enthusiasm.

Last year, because of Mr. Tohn's knee operation, the team was coached by Mr. Larry Herman, and they finished with a record of two wins and five losses. But, with Mr. Tohn back in the driver's seat, the team hopes to definitely do better this season.

From last year's squad of thirty (this year the team carries twenty), only four members are returning. They are Mark Clark, Herman Rodriguez, Richie Pereira and Ruben Maisonet. Of the sixteen remaining new members, five are seniors, and they are Noel Berdecia,

Angel Valentin, John Michel, Randolph James and Ramon Roman. The other members are Derek Walston, Rosman Fevry, Francisco Savinon, Alberto Calderon, Hector Cataquet, Jose Espinosa, Antonio Rodriguez, George Arias, Jose Diaz, Jose Belgrave and Radames Zayas.

Coach Tohn is looking forward to a fair showing from this young group and hopes the championships are in the not too remote future.

SCHEDULE

Midwood	Fri.—Feb. 1	Home
Boys' High	Wed.—Feb. 6	Home
Canarsie	Wed.—Feb. 13	Home
Jefferson	Fri.—Feb. 15	Away
South Shore	Wed.—Feb. 20	Away
Erasmus	Fri.—Feb. 22	Home
B'klyn Tech.	Wed.—Feb. 22	Away
Hamilton	Fri.—Mar. 1	Home
John Jay	Wed.—Mar. 6	Away



Faculty Advisor, Miss Carmen Gonzalez.

Gimme a V... Gimme an I.

by Maria Mojica

On Friday November 30 Bushwick's Cheerleaders and Boosters cheered at their first game of the year, an exhibition game in which the Bushwick Tigers defeated Wingate. Along with the change of the girls on the squad came a new Faculty Advisor, Miss Carmen Gonzalez, who had once been a cheerleader, herself, here at Bushwick.

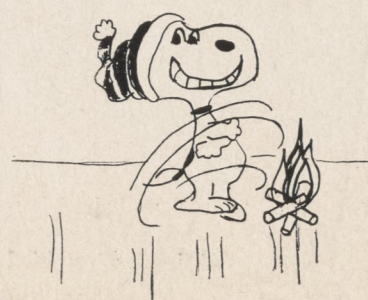
After the try-outs, which were held in November, a group of 12 girls were chosen to serve on the Cheerleading Squad. Minimum requirements were a demonstration cheer and a waist high kick. This year's captain is Denise Boone, who has been both a Booster and a Cheerleader; co-captain is Coquette Medina. Both captains are working hard at teaching the girls cartwheels and full splits in order to add variety to the cheers.

The number of Boosters this year is 20. Unlike previous years, the Boosters have their own captains, who are Sharon Baldwin and Angie Johnson. Although the Boosters remain in the bleachers, they certainly give the guys on the team that extra get up and go.

An additional help for the girls this year has been the three hundred dollars budgeted to them from S.A.F. This money will be used by the girls to purchase pompoms as well as other various and sundry equipment. Since their decision was not to leave the uniforms in school, this expense cannot be covered by school funds. Therefore, both Cheerleaders and Boosters have decided to either buy or make their own personal uniforms.

For the time being the girls will be able to cheer at home, but both the girls and Miss Gonzalez are trying to cheer for Bushwick when they play away from home. The girls are also planning to cheer for other teams in addition to our Basketball Team.

After cheering the Tigers to their first victory of the year, it is evident that both the Boosters and Cheerleaders are doing their job.



So, who needs oil????

Anthony and the Little People

No, this is not the newest musical group or the name of a street gang, but rather a description of the 1973-74 Bushwick High School Varsity Basketball Team by Mr. J. Diamond, the new coach. After piloting the Tigers for eleven season, Mr. D. stepped down after the 1969 season but maintained his association with basketball by helping to coach New Utrecht High School. Last year his team compiled a 20-0 record and the number one rating in New York City.

This year's Tiger five, physically, does not resemble any of its predecessors. With three starters only 5'8" tall we have the shortest team in the city, but as the Coach points out, "Size alone is meaningless. It's how big you play that counts." With a fourth starter under 6'0" tall the Tigers give away lots of size but make up for it with their aggressiveness, which is characterized by the defense which is pressure man-to-man for the entire game.

With such lack of size, the responsibility falls squarely on the shoulders of Anthony "Yams" Young, the lone starter over 6'0". So far, the 6'5" junior has been doing his job well, and the team has had a successful

pre-season campaign. After bombing East New York 66-35, the team lost two tough road games to "A" league powers—85-79 in double-overtime to Grover Cleveland and 61-55 at Wingate, which was later avenged by a 53-51 home court victory. Bushwick closed out its pre-season campaign with a 58-56 victory over Catholic power, New High School. "We could have scheduled all easy teams as opponents for exhibition games," said the Coach, "but we would have been defeating our main purpose which is to achieve poise under pressure. This can only be done by playing the best."

Leadership is supplied by a trio of "midgets," Captain, Sid Llera, Charles "Weaver" Pearson and Ronnie Wesley. The front-court responsibilities are shared by 5'8" leaper Ron Glover, senior Glenn Haile and the Bell brothers, junior, Darryl, and sophomore, Michael. Other members of the squad are juniors, Sal Veneziano and Hugo Perez, and sophomores, Patrick Ivey, Charles Stallings and Miguel Charles. The lone freshman member is Howard Hemmings.

With your support the team feels it can go all the way.

Bushwick Beats Aviation to Become City Champs!

by Miriam Colon

Until the very last few minutes the situation looked hopeless. Aviation had taken first place in seven out of ten events and was drowning Bushwick's Swimming Team 47-41. But, all was not lost, and Bushwick was at the crucial moment—the last relay, which was all or nothing. And, they did it!

Bushwick beat Aviation H.S. 48-47 in a tight meet all the way, and it was the win of the final relay that made Bushwick the victor and City Champ (last year, Bushwick lost the championship with the same score, 48-47). They may have played it pretty close, but Bushwick came through, as usual, with their winning 400 yard Freestyle Relay, Jose Dacunha, Tony Garcia, Willie DeJesus and Onix Soto, who pulled together to hit a winning time of 4:04.7, nine seconds less than the Relay's regular time.

The other three events in which Bushwick took first place were the 100 yard Breaststroke, swum by Miguel Pla (who broke the school record for the same event) with a time of 1:12.5, and the 50 yard. Freestyle and 100 yard Butterfly, which were both won by Onix Soto, hitting a 25.8 and a 1:06.8 respectively.

Although these first place events won twenty points for Bushwick, they couldn't have won without the entire team's effort. For example, Clemente Mercado brought in one point for third place in the 100 yard fly, and without this one point (and the many other one-pointers) the team would have been defeated.

Bushwick ended their regular season with a perfect record of 8-0 with their division's championship title in the bag. Many times the Bushwick boys left the other teams devastated. For instance, Bushwick left John Jay H.S. dragging their tails, defeating them 84-10.

The team's roster added to fifteen swimmers, ten of whom are seniors and have been with the team an average of two years. They are Jose Dacunha who swims freestyle and the Individual Medley, William DeJesus, freestyle, backstroke and I.M., Tony Garcia, freestyle, Daniel Mendez, freestyle, Clemente Mercado, butterfly, Jose Pinales, backstroke, Charles Santana, breaststroke, and Onix Soto, freestyle and butterfly. The juniors are Victor Alejandro, backstroke, Jose Garden, breaststroke, Richie Lopez, diving, and the sophomores are Frank Ocasio and Sammy Santiago, who both swim freestyle.

One swimmer, a senior not listed above, is one who deserves special mention. His name is Alfie Garraway, a diver who has had an outstanding three-year diving career with Bushwick. Coach, Mr. Sher, says that Alfie is the best diver that Bushwick has ever had. Alfie has made it to the City Championships (individual) twice in two years and will undoubtedly make it again this year.

But, the most important thing about this Championship Team is that victory took a lot of teamwork and team spirit and they had it and they made it!